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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the present application.

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) An information entry method that is computer-executable, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying each of a plurality of groups, which respectively contains a plurality of information grouped according to a predetermined rule, so that each information contained in each group is displayed;

making available a group selection mode allowing selection of the displayed group and an information selection mode allowing selection of information contained in the group;

displaying a group selected in the group selection mode so as to be distinguishable from other groups;

allowing the group selected in the group selection mode to transit to the information selection mode;

displaying an information selected from the group in the information selection mode so as to be distinguishable from other information;

setting the information selected in the information selection mode as a definable information; and

defining an entry of the information when a predetermined definitive instruction is issued in respect of the definable information;

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wherein each group is displayed so that a predetermined information contained therein is displayed in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information in the group selection mode;

wherein the predetermined information is defined beforehand; and

wherein each information contained in a group selected in the group selection mode is displayed in an enlarged manner as compared with the information contained in the other groups.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 1, wherein an information selected in the information selection mode is displayed in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information.

5. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 1, wherein the selection processing of a group, and the selection processing of an information from the selected group are proceeded according to a predetermined selection instruction.

6. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 1, wherein the grouping according to the predetermined rule is a grouping by a certain number of information or a grouping by categories.

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7. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 1, further comprising a step of changing a state of information defined in the group from a pre-defined state to a predetermined state.

8. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 1, further comprising a step of:
converting a state of the definable information into a predetermined state; and
defining the converted information according to the predetermined definitive instruction.

9. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 8, wherein the conversion processing into a predetermined state is a processing for adding a predetermined associate information to the definable information.

10. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 9, wherein, for the case the information is given in a text, the addition processing of a predetermined associate information to the definable information is addition of voiced sound or p-sound mark to the text.

11. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 8, wherein the conversion processing into a predetermined state is a processing for changing the size of the definable information.

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12. (original) The information entry method according to Claim 11, wherein, for the case the information is given in a text, the processing of changing the size of the definable information is changing the text into the lowercase.

13. (currently amended) An information entry device comprising:

a storage means for storing a plurality of information which is grouped to a plurality of groups according to a predetermined rule; and

a control means for controlling display of a group on a monitor screen, and for controlling, based on a display position on the monitor screen and a predetermined instruction entry, at least an operation in a group selection mode allowing selection of the displayed group and an operation in an information selection mode allowing selection of an information contained in the group;

wherein the control means displays each of a plurality of groups so that each information contained in each group is displayed;

displays a group selected in the group selection mode so as to be distinguishable from other groups;

allows transition of the group selected in the group selection mode into the information selection mode;

displays an information selected from the group in the information selection mode so as to be distinguishable from other information;

sets the information selected in the information selection mode as a definable information; and

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defines an entry of the information when a predetermined definitive instruction is issued in respect of the definable information;

wherein the control means displays each group so that a predetermined information contained therein is displayed in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information in the group selection mode;

wherein the predetermined information is defined beforehand; and

wherein the control means displays each information contained in a group selected in the group selection mode in an enlarged manner as compared with the information contained in the other groups.

14-15. (canceled)

16. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 13, wherein the control means displays an information selected in the information selection mode in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information.

17. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 13, wherein the control means proceeds the selection processing of a group, and the selection processing of an information from the selected group according to a predetermined selection instruction.

18. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 13, wherein the grouping according to the predetermined rule is a grouping by a certain number of information or a grouping by categories.

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19. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 13, wherein the control means changes a state of information defined in the group from a pre-defined state to a predetermined state.

20. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 13, wherein the control means converts a state of the definable information into a predetermined state, and defines the converted information according to the predetermined definitive instruction.

21. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 20, wherein the control means performs the conversion processing into a predetermined state by adding a predetermined associate information to the definable information.

22. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 21, wherein, for the case the information is given in a text, the control means performs the addition processing of a predetermined associate information to the definable information by adding voiced sound or p-sound mark to such text.

23. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 20, wherein the control means performs the conversion processing into a predetermined state by changing the size of the definable information.

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24. (original) The information entry device according to Claim 23, wherein, for the case the information is given in a text, the control means performs the processing of changing the size of the definable information by changing the text into the lowercase.

25. (previously presented) A computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer, wherein the information entry program comprises the steps of:

- displaying each of a plurality of groups, which respectively contains a plurality of information grouped according to a predetermined rule, so that each information contained in each group is displayed;

- displaying a group, which was selected in a group selection mode for allowing selection of the displayed group, so as to be distinguishable from other groups;

- allowing the group selected in the group selection mode to transit to the information selection mode for allowing selection of information contained in the group;

- displaying an information selected from the group in the information selection mode so as to be distinguishable from other information;

- setting the information selected in the information selection mode as a definable information; and

- defining an entry of the information when a predetermined definitive instruction is issued in respect of the definable information;

- wherein the information entry program displays each group so that a predetermined information contained therein is displayed in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information in the group selection mode;

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wherein the predetermined information is defined beforehand; and

wherein the information entry program displays an information selected in the information selection mode in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information.

26-28. (canceled)

29. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 25, wherein the information entry program performs the selection processing of a group and the selection processing of an information from the selected group according to a predetermined selection instruction.

30. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 25, wherein the grouping according to the predetermined rule is a grouping by a certain number of information or a grouping by categories.

31. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 25, wherein the information entry program further comprises a step of changing a state of information defined in the group from a pre-defined state to a predetermined state.

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32. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 25, wherein the information entry program further comprises a step of:

converting a state of the definable information into a predetermined state; and
defining the converted information according to the predetermined definitive instruction.

33. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 32, wherein the conversion processing into a predetermined state is a processing for adding a predetermined associate information to the definable information.

34. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 33, wherein, for the case the information is given in a text, the addition processing of a predetermined associate information to the definable information is addition of voiced sound or p-sound mark to the text.

35. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 32, wherein the conversion processing into a predetermined state is a processing for changing the size of the definable information.

36. (original) The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein an information entry program to be executed on a computer according to Claim 35, wherein, for the

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case the information is given in a text, the processing of changing the size of the definable information is changing the text into the lowercase.

37. (currently amended) A program execution device for executing an information entry program, wherein the information entry program comprises the steps of:

displaying each of a plurality of groups, which respectively contains a plurality of information grouped according to a predetermined rule, so that each information contained in each group is displayed;

displaying a group, which was selected in a group selection mode for allowing selection of the displayed group, so as to be distinguishable from other groups;

allowing the group selected in the group selection mode to transit to the information selection mode for allowing selection of information contained in such group;

displaying an information selected from the group in the information selection mode so as to be distinguishable from other information;

setting the information selected in the information selection mode as a definable information; and

defining an entry of the information when a predetermined definitive instruction is issued in respect of the definable information;

wherein the information entry program displays each group so that a predetermined information contained therein is displayed in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information in the group selection mode;

wherein the predetermined information is defined beforehand; and

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wherein the information entry program displays each information contained in a group selected in the group selection mode in an enlarged manner as compared with the information contained in the other groups.

38-39. (canceled)

40. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 37, wherein the information entry program displays an information selected in the information selection mode in an enlarged manner as compared with the other information.

41. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 37, wherein the information entry program performs the selection processing of a group and the selection processing of an information from the selected group according to a predetermined selection instruction.

42. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 37, wherein the grouping according to the predetermined rule is a grouping by a certain number of information or a grouping by categories.

43. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 37, wherein the information entry program further comprises a step of changing a state of information defined in the group from a pre-defined state to a predetermined state.

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44. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 37, wherein the information entry program further comprises a step of:
converting a state of the definable information into a predetermined state; and
defining the converted information according to the predetermined definitive instruction.

45. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 44, wherein the conversion processing into a predetermined state is a processing for adding a predetermined associate information to the definable information.

46. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 45, wherein, for the case the information is given in a text, the addition processing of a predetermined associate information to the definable information is addition of voiced sound or p-sound mark to such text.

47. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 44, wherein the conversion processing into a predetermined state is a processing for changing the size of the definable information.

48. (original) The program execution device for executing an information entry program according to Claim 47, wherein, for the case the information is given in a text, the processing of changing the size of the definable information is changing the text into the lowercase.

49. (canceled)

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50. (new) An information entry method comprising:

displaying a plurality of information elements, the plurality of information elements being divided into groups according to a predetermined rule, each group including a representative information element;

providing a group selection mode adapted to enable selection of a selected group by selecting the representative information element of the selected group;

displaying the information elements of the selected group in an enlarged manner with respect to the information elements not in the selected group;

providing an information selection mode adapted to enable selection of a selected information element contained in the selected group;

displaying a selected information element from the selected group in the information selection mode in a distinguishing manner with respect to the information elements in the selected group not being selected; and

entering the selected information element as a definable information element when a predetermined definitive instruction is issued with respect to the definable information.